Survey of Super Bazar Branches

1699. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of the Super Bazar's Control Room, Branch Stores, RDCs, Administative offices on the basis of number of employees, excessive load of work and location of the offices/branch stores so that work of the Super Bazar offices could be rationalized;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof in this regard;

(c) whether survey of Super Bazar offices has been completed;

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the South Avenue Branch has less number of employees than its actual strength; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken to complete the staff strength of this branch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Super Bazar has reported that in their South Avenue Branch employees have been posted as per the actual strength.

(f) Question does not arise.

Loss of Revenue from Super Bazar

1700. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to under assessment of Sales Tax and Excise Duty cases revenue amounting to lakhs of rupees has been lost by Government from the Super Bazar and this has not been brought out by Comptroller and Auditor General in their past reports;

(b) whether Super Bazar played malafide game with public and Government revenue and the same has not been deposited to Government treasury so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount collected by the Super Bazar on account of sales tax during the last three years, year wise;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check underway malpractices and public revenue scandal in Super Bazar; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of reply to part (a) & (b) above the question or furnishing any details does not arise. The amount of sales tax collected and paid to the Government by the Super Bazar during the last 3 years is as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount
1990-91	80.29
1991-92	120.73
1992-93	150.18

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Reconstitution of Managing Committee of Super Bazar

1701. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently reconstituted the Managing Committee of the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when was the last Managing Committee constituted and whether there are any laid down rules and regulations within the ambit of which the Managing Committee is constituted; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Chairman of the reconstituted Committee is a retired Government servant who is junior in status than some of the other members;

(e) if so, the reasons for his appointment;

(f) the steps taken to place an officer senior than the officials serving in Super Bazar as the head of the Committee; and

(g) the reasons for not associating some of the Members of Legislative Assemblies from Delhi in the Managing Committee, Particularly when there is complete mismanagement and rampant corruption in the Super Bazar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Managing Committee of the Super Bazar consists of 15

members out of which 9 members of the Committee including the President and the Vice-president are nominated by the Government and remaining 6 members are elected out of the share holders other than the Government. The Government has reconstituted the Committee on 19-9-94. The Committee has 9 nominated members and 6 elected members. The 6 elected members assumed office on 24-9-1991 and are still continuing pending fresh elections. The Management Committee is constituted as per by-law 23 (a) read alongwith by-law 20 (a) of the Co-operative Stores Limited, Delhi, popularly known as Super Bazar.

(d) to (f) The Chairman nominated by the Government is a senior retired Government officer and by virtue of his being appointed as Chairman, he acquires position senior to all other members of the Managing Committee. The present Chairman is an expert in co-operatives and has a long experience in dealing with the consumers co-operatives while serving as an officer in the Government.

(g) The nominations to the Managing Committee have been made after due and careful deliberation by the Government.

Assessment and Review of the Functioning of Super Bazar

1702. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times the assessment and review of the functioning of Super Bazar was carried out during 1993 and so far in 1994 ;

(b) the outcome thereof and the advice tendered to Super Bazar and the effect thereof ;

(c) whether Government have any proposal for the merger of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar as these organisations are practically doing the same work but are under two different Ministries ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) Periodical review and assessment of the functioning of Super Bazar was carried out three times in the calendar year 1993 and five times in the calendar year 1994 so far. The Ministry have suggested measures for further improvement in the working of Super Bazar for obtaining better operational results keeping the overall service motive of Super Bazar in view.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Governnment. Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are two different registered Co-operative Societies and governed by two Management Committees. The Kendriya Bhandar was set-up as a welfare measure for the benefit of the Central Government employees while the Super Bazar has been set-up to serve the general public.

Introduction of New Items in Super Bazar

1703. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Super Bazar had previously stated that new items are introduced mainly to keep pace with the changing consumer demands and tastes and the products have gained popularity in the market ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the new items, introduced during 1994 not being available in all the mini branches ; and

(c) the names of the new items introduced during 1994 and supply order placed on each of these items and quantities sold, month-wise and branch-wise during 1994 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Super Bazar has reported that depending upon the stock position, indents are placed for all such items periodically and the availability depends on supplies being made. At times restricted introduction of items is allowed for regional distribution centres and selected mini branches to know the sales trend/consumer demands before the product is put on sale through all the branches.

(c) Super Bazar has reported that the information regarding names of all new items introduced in 1994 is not readily available. Information regarding supply orders placed for each of these items, quantity sold month-wise and branch-wise involves voluminous and laborious workload in compiling such information and the efforts made may not be commensurate with the results to be achieved therefrom.

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1704. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :